



Community News

Hayashi Launches National Petition Drive to Prevent Local Hero's Widow from Deportation



Assemblymember Hayashi has launched a national petition campaign in support of San Leandro constituent Jacqueline Coats, who faces deportation to Kenya. The campaign asks the public to sign onto an electronic petition at the Member's website, www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi or www.helpjackie.info urging passage of United States Senate bill 420 by Senator Dianne Feinstein, which would grant permanent residency status to Mrs. Coats.

Jacqueline Coats is the widow of Marlin Coats, an American citizen who gave his life to save two boys from drowning at San Francisco Ocean Beach in 2006. The couple was in the midst of permanent residency proceedings for Jacqueline, a legal immigrant from Kenya, when Marlin died. Although Marlin is receiving posthumous awards for his heroism – most recently the U.S. Coast Guard Gold Lifesaving Medal of Honor in a ceremony with Speaker Nancy Pelosi – his death voided residency proceedings for Jacqueline, and deportation threatens to further her pain and isolate her from the rest of the Coats family.

In addition to working with Senator Feinstein, Assemblymember Hayashi is working to obtain the support of other state officials to urge Congress to pass the bill. S 420 is the only means left for Jacqueline to remain in the United States, and if the bill does not pass, she will be immediately deported. Various opinion leaders have already expressed outrage about Jacqueline's case, and Assemblymember Hayashi's petition offers the public an unique opportunity to voice their support in memory of a courageous man who gave the ultimate sacrifice. To electronically sign the petition and send a message to Congress, [click here](#).



Hayashi Attends US Coast Guard Ceremony Honoring Mr. Marlin Coats for Bravery



Assemblymember Hayashi attended the August 16th United States Coast Guard Ceremony at Yerba Buena Island posthumously honoring San Leandro resident Mr. Marlin Coats for his heroic deed of saving two young boys from drowning at San Francisco's Ocean Beach in 2006.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi presented the Gold Life Saving Medal on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard to his widow, Mrs. Jacqueline Coats of San Leandro. Pictured is House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the parents of Marlin Coats, Mrs. Jacqueline Coats, extended family,



and Assemblymember Hayashi.

Assemblymember Hayashi Secures \$300,000 Grant for Oakland Zoo



Assemblymember Hayashi came to the rescue of the Oakland Zoo last week, securing a \$300,000 grant for its *California! Project* from the California Cultural and Historical Endowment. The zoo had applied for funding from the California Cultural and Historical Endowment, which directs Proposition 40 grants and loans to protect and preserve California's cultural and historic resources. The Oakland Zoo's proposal had moved into the final round, but it was not slated to receive funding until testimony from Assemblymember Hayashi helped convince the Endowment of its relevance and importance.

The Oakland Zoo's *California! Project* is a multi-million dollar construction project that will immerse visitors in a landscape of historic, native and endangered California plants and animals. The 40-acre exhibit will be set in the hillsides of Oakland where bison and tule elk are currently living. It will also bring back endemic and threatened species such as the grizzly bear.

California Department of Housing and Community Development Awards \$12 Million to the City of Oakland



The California Department of Housing and Community Development made a comprehensive grant announcement on July 31st outlining the funding they have awarded through Proposition 46 and Proposition 1C over the last few months.

The City of Oakland and its local housing partners were awarded over \$12 million dollars through four different grant programs which represents 28% of the funding awarded in the entire Bay Area. This funding will allow the City of Oakland to facilitate homeownership opportunities, develop and rehabilitate emergency and supportive housing for homeless families and support a project of the City's choosing as an incentive for successful housing development.

Congratulations Oakland!

More than 400 Attendees Enjoy “Arctic Tale” Tinsel Town Hall on Global Warming



Assemblymember Hayashi hosted her second Tinsel Town Hall on August 2nd to discuss global warming and its impact on California. The Tinsel Town Hall featured the advanced screening of Paramount Classic’s movie, *Arctic Tale*, produced by National Geographic Films. More than 400 people attended the special environmental event at Regal Cinemas Hacienda Crossings 20 theatre in Dublin.

Assemblymember Hayashi provided literature at the Tinsel Town Hall on how each family can help eliminate global warming by utilizing the latest green technologies. If you would like more information on how you can receive a copy, please contact the District Office at (510) 583-8818.

Hayashi Addresses Las Positas College Staff at Convocation in Hayward

Faculty and staff from Las Positas Community College were in Hayward at Chabot College on August 15th for their fall convocation. Assemblymember Hayashi, who chairs the Assembly Select Committee on Community Colleges, provided welcoming remarks and discussed her commitment to support legislation that invests in our community colleges and provides the necessary resources to keep up with our state’s workforce development demands.



Community colleges provide the training needed in 11 of the top 12 anticipated growth occupations. Every dollar California invests to get students through college, the state’s economy receives a \$3 net return on investment. In addition, students earning a degree or certificate from a California community college increase their annual net wages by \$16,000 within three years.

Hayashi Honors the 25th Anniversary of the Hayward Zucchini Festival



Assemblymember Hayashi, joined by Hayward Mayor Michael Sweeney and Fremont Councilmember Steven Cho, presented an Assembly proclamation to General Manager Rich Essi congratulating him on the 25th Anniversary of the Hayward Zucchini Festival.

In 1983, Mayor Alex Giuliani and several local leaders created this gala to bring pride and hope to the people of Hayward and raise funds for local organizations. Over the past 25 years, the festival has raised approximately \$2 million for local charities.

[This year](#) Hayward residents enjoyed watching local talent, eating delicious zucchini recipes, shopping at craft booths, and participating in games and food contests. On average 20,000 to 30,000 people attend the event each year.

Upcoming Events

Prescription Assistance for Low-Income Families Bus Tour Promoted by Montel Williams Comes to Hayward – September 6th



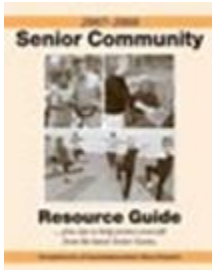
Assemblymember Mary Hayashi (D-Hayward), in conjunction with the [Partnership for Prescription Assistance](#) (PPA), has launched a local effort to help uninsured and low-income families find programs that provide access to thousands of low-cost or free prescription medicines. Named the “Help is Here Express” bus tour and as seen on television promoted by talk show host Montel Williams, this project seeks to afford struggling citizens with a fast, free and convenient way to determine if they qualify for one of dozens of available patient assistance programs for pharmaceuticals.

The bus tour is schedule to arrive in Hayward on Thursday, September 6, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will be located at B Street near Watkins Street, adjacent to the Hayward City Hall. Trained specialists will be equipped with computers to determine eligibility for those who attend the program. Assemblymember Hayashi’s staff will also be on site to answer questions and address any concerns the community may have regarding state agencies.

Castro Valley Fall Festival – September 8th and 9th

Enjoy food, live entertainment, arts and crafts, community booths, and a classic car show at the 35th Annual Castro Valley Fall Festival located on Castro Valley Boulevard near [Castro Village Shopping Center](#). Free admission.

6th Annual Healthy Aging Fair – September 12th



Be sure to stop by Assemblymember Hayashi’s booth at the 6th Annual Aging Fair to receive the latest copy of the “2007-08 Senior Community Resource Guide.” Assembly staff will be there to offer assistance for those seeking state agency guidance. In addition, the fair offers free lunch, raffle prizes, and entertainment. Attendees can receive cholesterol, diabetes, glucose hearing and blood pressure screenings; bone density scanning; podiatry services; and pharmacist consultations.

The fair takes place on September 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Centennial Hall, 22292 Foothill Boulevard, Hayward. Free shuttles are available to Centennial Hall from the downtown Hayward BART station. For more information, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818

Mobile District Office at Hayward's 3rd Thursday Street Party – September 20th

Assemblymember Hayashi is hosting a Mobile District Office at Hayward's 3rd Thursday Street Party on September 20th from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. located at B Street between Foothill and Mission Blvd in Hayward. Free admission. Assemblymember Hayashi's staff will be available to answer questions you might have regarding a state agency and to provide insightful brochures on healthcare, environment, and senior issues. For more information, please call the district office at (510) 583-8818.

Assemblymember Hayashi Hosts a Free Dental Screening Clinic for Kids – October 6th



Assemblymember Hayashi and the California Dental Association will host a Free Dental Screening Clinic for Kids on October 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at [Southland Mall](#), Community Room C (lower level near food court), in Hayward. Dental professionals will conduct FREE oral health assessments for children ages 4-8. Participants will also receive a dental kit provided by CDA that includes a FREE toothbrush and toothpaste.

In 2006, [AB 1433](#) was signed into law requiring children entering kindergarten and the first grade to have a dental check-up by May 31st of their first year of school. Tooth decay is the number one chronic health problem among children. The good news is that it is completely preventable. This dental screening clinic will fulfill your child's oral health requirement for school at no-cost to you. Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

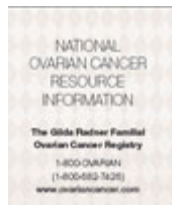
Please call the district office to RSVP at (510) 583-8818.

Resources Available

Publications Available



Child Immunization Law



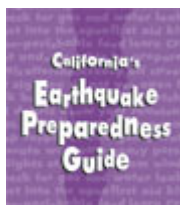
Ovarian Cancer Resource Guide



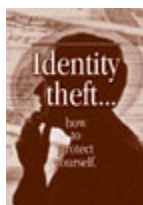
High Blood Pressure



Senior Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



Diabetes Guide



Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law

Free community resource guides are now available in print or online through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Over the next few weeks, copies will be made available throughout the 18th Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

State Resources Website



Want to find energy saving tips? Find it and over 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information on a wide range of topics such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, and how to apply for a FasTrak toll device.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Hayashi's official homepage at www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi and click on the *State Resources Websites* link. This will lead web browsers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips on how to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

If you prefer not to receive email updates or correspondences from the Office of Assemblymember Hayashi, please opt-out by emailing your request to Christopher.parman@asm.ca.gov.